

I believe strongly that communications of all kinds must be private and confidential. The risks associated with potential abuse of a system that makes it easier to wiretap internet communications of any kind (calls, email, etc.) outweigh any benefits that such a system could provide. These risks include persecution of individuals due to religious beliefs or affiliation, loss of business confidentiality of data (including trade secrets, leading to loss of competitiveness), unethical and illegal use of insider information, etc. In addition, the opportunity for hackers to subvert the system, leading to even greater loss, is quite significant.